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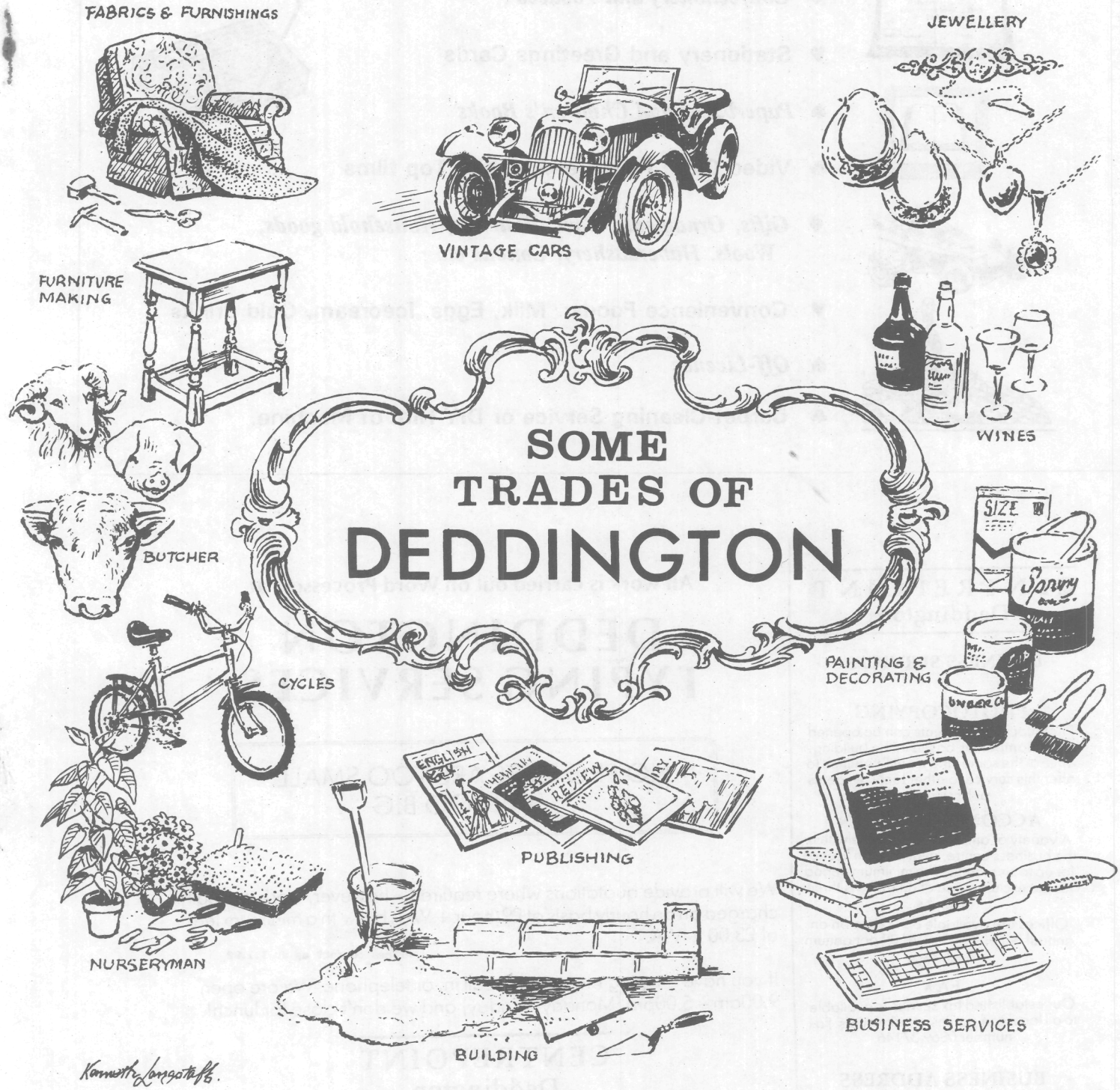

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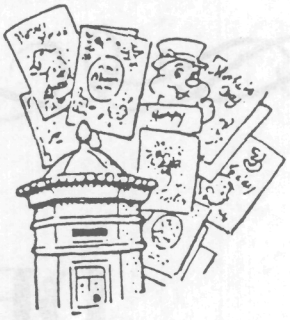

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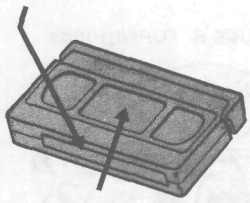

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EDITORIAL

If you are puzzled by some of the items in this month's issue, so are we. The Parish Council authorised the Village Appraisal - we call it Deddington 2000 - to find out what the people of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton think of things as they are now, and what they want and need in the future. Work is going ahead and next year we should have clear and fair guidelines on how to spend the £1,000,000 Village Funds to the best advantage of all (see page 5).

Now turn to pages 2, 3, and 4. After a not very well attended public meeting, called at very short notice, the Parish Council has decided to spend getting on for half the "magic million" on one very large project and four smaller ones, while investing the rest for revenue and future capital expenditure. This may be exactly what the whole community wants, but we think many of our readers would be happier if the Parish Council had conducted wider consultations first - as the Village Appraisal is designed to do - before committing the money.

NOVEMBER DIARY (More church services on pages 7 and 8)

Sat 7 Craft Fayre at Deddington School, 11am to 4 pm (See pages 5 and 6)
Sat 7 Deddington Ladies Christmas Bazaar in aid of Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Holly Tree Club, 2.30pm, entrance 10p.
Sat 7 Fire Service Annual Dance at General Foods, Banbury
Sun 8 Remembrance Day Parade and Service, 10.50am War Memorial, then Church
Tue 10 WI, Recycling waste material, Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
Tue 10 Vicar to speak on St Mark's Gospel, Wesleyan Reform Church, 7.30pm
Wed 11 U3A: Guide Dogs for the Blind - Joyce Lake, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm
Sat 14 Guides Jumble Sale, Windmill Centre, 2pm
Tue 17 Vicar to speak on St Matthew's Gospel, Wesleyan Reform Church, 7.30pm
8 Pantomime rehearsal, Wesleyan Church hall (see page 15)
Wed 18 Caritas meeting, Ivy Cottage, St Thomas Street, 8pm (see page 8)
Sat 21 to Fri 27 Deddington Arts Group exhibition, Tuckers Country Store (page 14)
Sat 21 Music for All Seasons by Church Choir, Parish Church 7.30pm (see page 7)
Sat 21 British Legion - *Jefferson Kane*
Sun 22 Hempton Church Evensong with Deddington Handbell Ringers 6pm
Tue 24 COPY DATE FOR CHRISTMAS ISSUE OF DEDDINGTON NEWS
Tue 24 Traidcraft Sale, Grove House, High St, Deddington, 10.30am-12.30pm, 2-4pm
Wed 25 U3A: Experiences of a Forensic Scientist - Miss Blacklock, Windmill, 2.30pm
Wed 25 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 28 Bowls Club Annual Dinner, Great Western Arms, Clifton, 7pm

DECEMBER DIARY

Fri 4 Gala Evening of Song for Frank Wise School Hydrotherapy Pool Appeal (p.6)
Sat 5 Hempton Church Christmas Bazaar
Sat 5 Look out for Santa's Float (Deddington School PTA)
Sat 5 PUBLICATION OF DEDDINGTON NEWS
Wed 9 U3A: Lifting the Latch - Sheila Stewart, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm
Fri 11 PTA Late Night Disco, Deddington School, 9pm to 12.30am (see page 5)
Sat 12 Deddington School Nativity Play and Christmas concert by the Shenlow Singers, Parish Church, 7.15pm
Wed 16 U3A: Christmas Dinner
Sun 20 Wesleyan Reform Church Carol Service, 10.30am
Th 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Carols in the Market Place, 7pm.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 28 OCTOBER, 7.30pm TOWN HALL

EDITORS' NOTE: The main business of the meeting was to consider the proposals for allocating Village Funds, taking account of responses at the public meeting and elsewhere. The Council voted that the proposals presented at the public meeting will go ahead (except Heritage is allocated £5,000, not £10,000). Cllr Clinch (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Hill abstained. Unfortunately Cllrs Mace and Todd, the PC representatives on the Village Appraisal, were not present, nor were they able to attend the public meeting. Cllr Mace also represents the PC on the Town Hall project. [WE WISH HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HIS ILLNESS - EDS] Cllrs Garvey and O'Brien were also absent from the Council meeting.. Below we print extracts from the Parish Council's official notes of the public meeting. On page 3 we publish a number of opinions advising more consultation before financially binding decisions are taken. Page 4 is given over to a statement by the Parish Council Chairman. A note on the Village Appraisal, also known as Deddington 2000, is on page 5.

OTHER MATTERS dealt with at the PC meeting include: WINDMILL CENTRE - Discussion on budget allocation to be held on 2 November. ALLOTMENTS - Provision of a water supply and troughs will proceed, at a cost of £1150 (+ VAT), plus Thames Water connection charge of £1139.75. TOWN HALL DEVELOPMENT - Architect's proposals to be studied before next month's PC meeting. STREET LIGHTING - 5 new lamps have been installed. VILLAGE GUIDE - Tower Publications re-issue of Guide to Deddington is out of date but still useful and will be on sale through village outlets. INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS at 28 October 1992 - £1,040,000 at 8 and a half per cent to 20 November 1992; £8,552 at 7 and a half per cent on 7 days' notice; £12,378 overnight - TOTAL £1,060,930. POTATO FIELD - PC paid £10,000 for the land and a further £2,937 to release the restrictive covenant. Chairman to inform the Bowls Club. [BACK IN APRIL OR MAY, DIDN'T THE DISTRICT VALUER PUT A VALUE OF £8,000 ON THE LAND? - EDS]; HEALTH CENTRE MINIBUS - PC to ask Health Centre to publicise this service in view of limited take up in the Parish. CLIFTON CHURCH - PC to consider request from some Clifton residents to purchase this unoccupied building for recreational use: NO 'NO SMOKING' - PC will not ban smoking at its meetings. PRECEPT 1993 - If decision can be reached in November, there will be no December PC Meeting. NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 25 November, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

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PUBLIC MEETING, WINDMILL CENTRE, 12 OCTOBER 1992

Extracts from Parish Council's official note of parishioners' reaction to their proposals for allocating the Village Funds.

"Where was TRAFFIC CALMING to take place and by what means?
The HEMPTON ROAD footpath was an urgent matter.
A STAGE at the Windmill Centre was more important than a Coat of Arms.
The Council should lobby the MP regarding TRAFFIC CALMING and endeavour to interest the Minister of Transport in the position in the Parish.
The PROJECTS should be overseen by an appointee of the village.
(It was pointed out that should the proposals proceed, Wollerton Truscott would be responsible to the Parish Council for the Windmill Scheme in its entirety.)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES are wanted today!
VILLAGE APPRAISAL should be approved prior to the monies being expended.
Why is the BOWLING CLUB taking such a considerable slice of the Capital?
Is there the need for development at both the CHURCH and the WINDMILL CENTRE?
The second FOOTBALL PITCH is not up to minimum FA standards.
The BADMINTON CLUB is fighting for survival and needs a second court.
Will the YOUTH CLUB be afforded the same usage as at present?
Lack of suitable STORAGE at the Windmill is a severe problem.
Disappointment expressed at the postponement of the ALL WEATHER PITCH.
We do not want a PRECEPT; best way of ensuring that everyone in Parish benefits from the funds is to not have a precept.
Is a six rink BOWLING GREEN necessay?
Additional STORAGE required for the SCOUTS - camping gear etc.
Are measures being taken to provide adequate access for the DISABLED including the first floor?
A Heraldic artist could provide a COAT OF ARMS for £30!
Children and young people appear to be catered for, but what about the ELDERLY? Could the Windmill be used as a day centre?
VIEWING AREA would be better located at first floor level in the plan for the Windmill.
Is the scheme CUT AND DRIED?
Additional development will require ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE; will increased revenues meet such costs?.
The Chairman informed the meeting that the PRECEPT would be discussed at the next Council Meeting."

LETTERS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL ABOUT PARISH FUNDS AND THE PUBLIC MEETING

From Rodney Hayward and George Fenemore 28.10.92, copy to *The Deddington News*

We write with reference to the recent publication of the Parish Council's intended expenditure programme re the Parish Funds. It appears that some £774,000 of the £1,000,000 fund is to be spent on schemes which it could be argued are not in the interest of every Community Charge payer in the Parish. With investment interest currently providing an income of approximately £100,000 per annum, a sum which should easily fund projects for the Parish for many years to come, we find it difficult to understand that in a recession the Council has decided to dispose of its assets/capital.

We point out at this early stage that we are not against the projects in principle but the way in which they are to be funded. Surely with careful financial planning all projects could be programmed over a period of time so that payment can be made from the investment income and that the capital investment can be made to provide funds for projects in the years to come.

Another point which should be made quite clear is that the precept you propose would be double that to the one you inherited. Is this considered by the Council to be fair, especialy to the more elderly of the Parish and those on limited income? Again with careful planning the precept could be disposed of for the foreseeable future.

Deddington, Clifton and Hempton have received a golden opportunity by the way of having a one million pound investment. This opportunity may only arise ONCE for the Parish and we along with others are of the opinion that it should not be spent irrationally within only its second year of existence.

Plans for future projects - bus shelters, improved lighting schemes - together with the additional facilities you have indicated, should be PROGRAMMED over a period of time, for there is no point in having today if there is no tomorrow! We will be interested to hear Council's comments.

From Norman Stone, 25.10.92, writing as a parishioner, not as an editor of *The Deddington News*.

I cannot be present at the Parish Council meeting. However, I would like the following to be recorded.... First, the earliest official notice the community had of the public meeting on 12 October was in the *The Deddington News* which was distributed from 8 October. More publicity, over a longer period, might have produced a very different turnout.

Second, the options so persuasively presented to the meeting by the Parish Council were needlessly restricted. Until chartered accountant Ron Harper pointed out that writing off the parish precept would be a cost-effective benefit to the entire community of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, the possibility was not even mentioned.

Third, the Village Funds should be used to give greatest value to the largest number of people. For example, your proposal to spend considerably more on a bowling green than on traffic calming may or may not be right. What does the community think? (We know what the bowlers think!) Is it right to allocate less to the entire Town Hall project than to kitchen and toilet facilities in the parish church? Many may think so: but when they realise that the toilets will not be available to the general public, many may not.

Fourth, where is the strategic plan? Every individual project has its supporters, but who will balance the needs and wants of all the residents, local businesses and visitors? Fortunately, the Parish Council had the foresight to set in motion the Village Appraisal, to find out what the people of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton want now and in the future. Until the Appraisal has been carried out and the results analysed, the Parish Council would be well advised to invest most of the money, not spend it. The wisest course is to take no irrevocable action, other than writing off the precept and funding a modest programme of grants, and to give the whole community the fullest opportunity to take part in the decision-making process. It is their money.

In addition, **James Marmion** wrote commending the Parish Council for its hard work and commitment, but questioning whether the proposals represented a strategic plan for the whole parish, when the Village Appraisal of present and future needs had not been completed. **Bob Stevens and Bill Hunt**, representing Deddington Charity Estates, submitted architects' proposals for renovating and developing the Town Hall, which were not available when the budget of £26,000 was allocated by the PC. **Joan Robins** wrote on the coat-of-arms proposal, pointing out that prompt action could cut the cost by £5,000.

Your editors wrote to the Parish Council Chairman the day after the October Parish Council Meeting, asking for an official statement so that the community would be aware of the decisions taken on the disposition of Parish funds and understand their significance. We publish his reply on page 4.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ALLOCATION OF VILLAGE CAPITAL FUNDS

For the benefit of those unable to attend our recent Public Meeting or Council meetings, your editors have kindly invited me to summarise recent decisions taken by your Parish Council, regarding the allocation of Capital Funds.

BACKGROUND Today Deddington has capital funds of £1,050,000 from the sale of the Windmill land in 1988 and interest accrued. The Parish Referendum in 1990 recommended that we should devise a strategy for the allocation of both capital and interest. The Parish Council is restricted by Central Government as to the projects it can fund: we cannot allocate significant funds to that which should be funded by Central or Local Goverment (eg education, health, housing), we can fund recreation, tourism, land acquisition for conservation/open spaces, entertainment/arts etc.

Whilst devising this strategy we have funded grant applications and urgent projects - the car park at the Windmill Community Centre was a prerequisite of the CDC Planning authorities, playgrounds have been provided in Clifton and Deddington, a light provided in Earls Lane to achieve a 30 mph speed limit, and the footpath built to the cemetery. Also grants have been awarded to Deddington Play Group, the Windmill for Nursery School facilities, Deddington Players, Cricket Club, Craft Group, Museum Group, and we have not charged a Parish precept this financial year (the Parish's share of the Community Charge).

OVERALL STRATEGY Our aim is to make Deddington a safer, more attractive, and more interesting place to live for all members of the community. Funds will be divided between continuing investment for either revenue generation or future projects (about 60 per cent of the total), and funds required for immediate allocations (about 40 per cent).

CONTINUED INVESTMENT £596,000 will remain invested to provide revenues to fund the provision of a village steward, and capital for land acquisition and future grant applications.

DEFINED SPEND - we will proceed with funding for the following -

Environment/Safety - contribute towards Oxford CC funding of Deddington traffic calming schemes (currently a low OCC priority) and construct a footpath from Hempton to the cemetery **BUDGET £55,000**

Town Hall/Public Conveniences - refurbish the Town Hall, providing for the Deddington Museum and better tourist facilities (loos) **BUDGET £26,000**

Recreational Facilities - to provide the best facilities for recreational and sports groups, at the same time upgrading the existing community hall facilities. The plan includes -

New six rink bowling green; pavilions for cricket, tennis, and bowls viewing; soccer 'dugouts'; tots' play area; all-weather multi-use pitch; additional soccer pitch; hall extension for the provision of a stage; extended changing rooms; storage; and new lounge area/viewing. The current estimate for this work is £500,000 against which we have defined a maximum budget of £333,000 (plus £20,000 CDC grant towards the bowling green). **BUDGET £333,000**

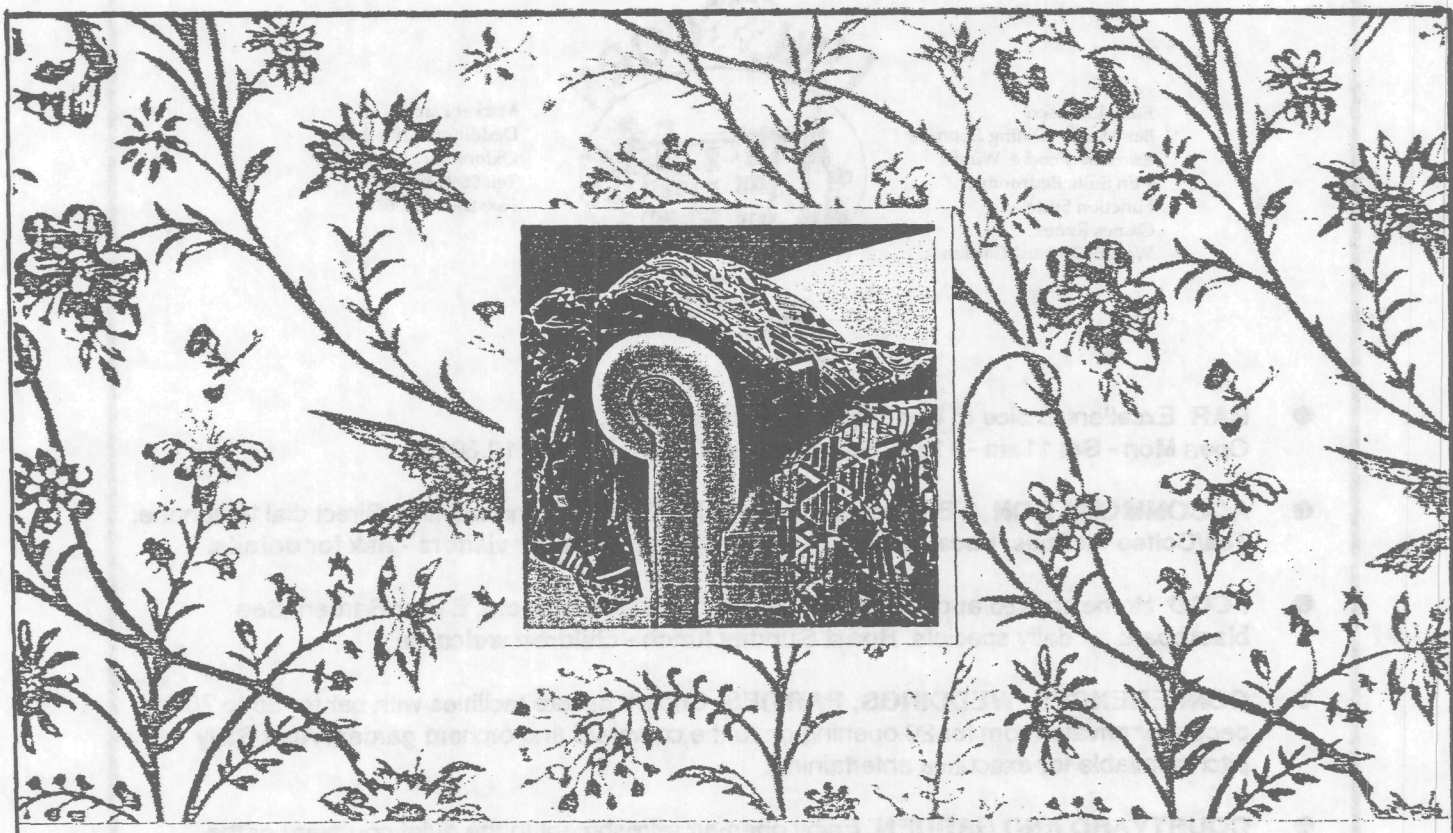
Arts and Drama - provide the facilities necessary for major and medium sized theatrical and concert productions for the entertainment of the parish. Create toilet and kitchen facilities in the Parish Church and erect a stage in the extended Windmill Hall. **BUDGET £35,000**

Heritage Support - research and design the Deddington 'Coat of Arms' for use in tourism and fund-raising. **BUDGET (reduced at Public Meeting) £5,000**

It was also decided following the Public Meeting that the PC would write to the Social Services suggesting the use of the improved facilities at the Windmill Community Centre as a Day Centre for the elderly.

I believe this strategy for the allocation of Parish Capital Funds meets the needs identified at the outset, namely that for Deddington we improve the environment and safety, the recreational facilities, the support for tourism, arts and entertainment, and hopefully give benefit to as many parishioners as possible, whilst still retaining 60 per cent of our funds for future needs.

NIGEL ODDY, Chairman, Deddington Parish Council



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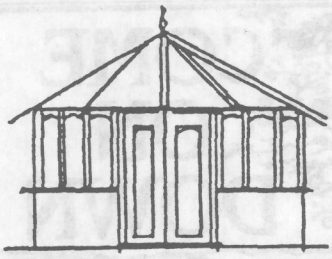

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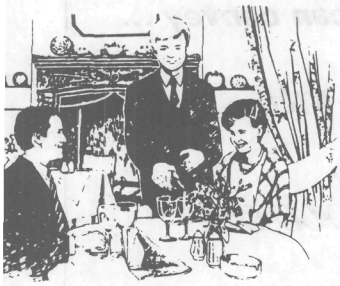

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DEDDINGTON 2000 - The Village Appraisal

I wish there was one simple word for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, and their residents, businesses and visitors - because that's what DEDDINGTON 2000 is all about. There are so many things going for us - health services of various kinds, a good school, public transport, several churches and chapels, inns and shops, and many clubs and societies, a surprising number of industries, voluntary organisations and charities, a community centre, and over £1,000,000 of Village Funds.

With the backing of the Parish Council, the Village Appraisal aims to ask everybody for information and opinions. The information will tell about life as it is actually lived now, while the opinions will show what life could, and should, be like. Then the community will be in a position to decide what the community wants and needs.

It takes time. But time needs to be taken, for the sake of all the people - not just those with the gift of the gab but those without: not just those who are pushy, but those who aren't: not just those who belong to organisations but those who don't. People who are sick, or housebound, or struggling to make ends meet. The very old and the very young. People just starting married life. People who are out of work, Traders feeling the pinch. Many others too. The purpose of DEDDINGTON 2000 is to give everbody a chance to take stock of the present and influence the future.

NORMAN STONE

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Vandalism has spread to Hempton. The Church room was broken into, and much damage wreaked on two doors and a leaded window. Fortunately the culprits were unable to break into the Church itself. More recently a gang passed through the village at dead of night, tearing the notice from the Church wall, smashing the hydrant indicators and the Hempton village sign on the way to Deddington, throwing the lot in the ditch. Be on the alert. This mindless destruction costs us money which could be more usefully employed, and elderly folk living alone feel vulnerable and upset.

Deddington Handbell Ringers will be visiting Hempton Church again at 6pm on Sunday 22 November. We very much enjoyed their last visit.

The Friends intend to hold a Christmas Bazaar on the afternoon of Sat 5 December. While they hope this will add to their funds, they hope even more that this will prove a happy and friendly get-together with competitions and refreshments as in previous years.

I have been inviting comments from neighbours, one of whom produced the following: "There are many fascinating village names in our part of Oxfordshire. Hempton (as most of our readers no doubt know) is the Middle English for "High Farm". However, in these days of Thames Water and the abundant smell of chlorine which arises from the water in our baths and basins, might we not consider changing the name to Milton in the Cistern?" I hope he is not serious.

NAN HARRIS 38039

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CRAFT FAYRE - Saturday 7 November, 11am to 4pm. Just like Topsy, our Craft Fayre is growing, having more new and unusual crafts (SEE THE ADVERTISEMENT ON PAGE 6). Just in time for Christmas shopping. With home made cakes and delicious refreshments and also a 50/50 sale. We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

CHRISTMAS EVENT in the Parish Church on Saturday 12 December - a nativity play by the children followed by concert by the Shenlow Singers, 7.15pm

PTA NEWS.....SANTA'S FLOAT Saturday 5 December The children need to get their "thinking caps" on and decide what they would really like for Christmas as Santa is visiting us a little earlier this year to pick up all their letters. More details later.....AND FOR THE GROWN UPS - **A LATE NIGHT DISCO** Friday 11 December, 9pm to 12.30am. Dress - casual. Starting late so you can get the little darlings to bed, go to the pub, have a Chinese and then come to us to party! Disco, bar, raffle and snack food. Tickets will be available from PTA members very soon - £6 a pair.

HORTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, BANBURY

TO: DR STUART BURGESS, CHAIRMAN, REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
FROM: THE EDITORS, 5 October 1992
Many people are concerned about the future of the Horton General Hospital, Banbury. We certainly are. The key question is - how can we help to ensure that the Horton continues to provide the range and quality of services that local people want? We understand that a review is to be undertaken, if indeed it is not already under way, but what are the precise terms of reference? Who will carry out the review and what assumptions will they make? We know that there will be consultations, but not with whom or when. Will the public be involved and will the outcome be publicised? What assurances do we have that the Regional Health Authority will actually take account of public opinion before making any decisions?
We think our readers in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton want to be better informed. It would help them, and us, if we could hear from you before 27 October, the copy date for our November issue.

FROM: R M NICHOLLS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, OXFORD REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY 14 October 1992: Thank you for your letter of 5 October addressed to Dr Burgess, Regional Health Authority Chairman, who has asked me to reply on his behalf. The review which is presently under way is being conducted by Oxfordshire Health Authority and is looking at the future shape of health services in the county over the next five years. As a major provider of services, the Horton General is taking part in this review.
As the "buyer" or commissioner of health services for the residents of Oxfordshire, the health authority is looking to see that the services it proposes to commission meet the needs and wishes of people. To do this it will take account of the views of health service staff, GPs, other agencies and authorities and representative bodies, such as the Community Health Council. The process of monitoring needs and wishes to get the best health services within resources requires significant consultation from all sections of the population.
In looking at future patterns of care the authority recognises the key role Horton General plays in the provision of services and the strong local support the hospital enjoys. You will proably know that last week the Secretary of State approved the Trust status of the Horton General from 1 April next year. This will mark a new era for the hospital and it gives a strong endorsement to the team led by the Chairman of the hospital board and the Chief Executive.
I am confident that your readers, and all interested individuals, groups and communities, will be given the opportunity to discuss the result of the review, and to make your views known to the health authority.

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VICTIM SUPPORT JOHN NEILD REPORTS THAT THE OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF VICTIM SUPPORT IS 0295 812365.

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PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 8 NOV		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	8am	Holy Communion
	10.50am	Ceremony of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by Service in Church
Wed 11 NOV	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 15 NOV	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Sung Mattins (BCP)
Wed 18 NOV	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 22 NOV	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 25 NOV	10am	Holy Communion followed by laying-on-of hands and anointing for healing
Fri 27 NOV	Midday	Prayers and meditation
Sun 29 NOV		ADVENT SUNDAY
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 2 DEC	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 6 DEC	10.30am	Family Service and Holy Communion

ST JOHN HEMPTON SERVICES

Sun 15 NOV	9am	Eucharist
Sun 22 NOV	6pm	Evensong (BCP), with Deddington Handbell Ringers
Sun 6 DEC	9am	Eucharist

CONFIRMATION The next Confirmation service will be on Tuesday 2 February 1993 at 7.30pm, conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester. Meetings for those interested in being confirmed are being held in the Vicarage on Monday evenings - young people at 5.30pm, adults 8pm. Further information from the Vicar.

TALKS ON THE GOSPELS On Tuesday 10 November the Vicar will speak about St Mark's Gospel and on Tuesday 17 November about St Matthew's Gospel. Both talks 7.30pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square. All welcome.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WEEK FOR CHILDREN 1993 We hope to organise a few days of special activities for young people in the Parish during the 1993 Summer holidays. Much will depend on the availability of helpers to supervise or share their skills with groups of children - sporting skills, craft work, art, drama, games, story-telling etc. If you would be willing to help, please inform Mrs Debbie Welford (38484) or the Vicar.

MUSIC FOR ALL SEASONS On Saturday 21 November at 7.30pm our Church Choir will give a concert conducted by Philip Agg, with Ben Elvidge at the Organ. Admission is free. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Church funds. All are welcome

TRAIDCRAFT'S next sale will be Tuesday 24 November at Grove House, High Street, Deddington, 10.30am-12.30pm, 2-4pm.

STUDENTS Again we have two students working with us in the Parish on Thursday afternoons and in Sunday services in term time. Tracy Redfearn and William Brierley are preparing for the Church's ordained ministry at Ripon College, Cuddesdon.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS *Baptism:* 4 October LAURA DANIELLE HARPER

THANKS to all who represented Sports Clubs at the morning service on 18 October, when Steve Connor, coach of Oxford Saints American Football Team, was the speaker.

KEN REEVES Vicar 38329

DEDDINGTON HANDBELL RINGERS are already practising their skills in readiness for the coming Festive season. If you would like them to give you a visit, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. We require only very little space, as we are only three in number, ringing 4 bells each. Our box is complete with stand so we do not even require a table. We do not make any charge but are most grateful for any donation. Like everyone else, we are suffering from ever rising costs. Ringing World weekly magazine now costs £33 a year. Our insurance for the people who ring the church bells is now almost £50 a year, including membership to the Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. When we require a set of 8 new bell ropes (hopefully not for two years - but we must make funds available) it will be in excess of £700. And so the costs mounts up and up.

I have been ringing at Deddington since 1933 (59 years) and in all that time the ringers have never had to go to the PCC for money towards the general running and maintenance of the bells. A very good record of which I am very proud to be a part. PLEASE will you help me to maintain this standard. Whether or not we come and play the handbells for you, we're always grateful for a donation to the Deddington Church Belfry Fund - you can enjoy the beauty of the Tower Bells ringing in the Festive Season, and every Sunday too.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL continued

CARITAS - Latin word for Love
Some of the young parents of the church have decided to form a group to offer opportunities to get together on a monthly basis. The meetings will include discussions, usually related to wide ranging family matters. From time to time speakers will be invited to talk on a variety of subjects and experiences. We hope the group will provide a caring and supportive role for young parents of our church and community. If you are interested in joining us, please telephone Tricia Neasham 38931, Debbie Welford 38484, Carol Plant 38965, Diane Woodman 37151, or Tracey Rogers 38726. The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER at 8pm at Diane Woodman's house, Ivy Cottage, St Thomas Street, Deddington DEBBIE WELFORD

DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

A warm welcome awaits you. Sunday School 10.30am. Sunday evening worship 6pm. Fellowship Meeting alternate Tuesdays 2.30pm. Next dates 17 Nov, 1 Dec.
FUNERAL On Friday 23 October 1992 the funeral of Eddie Lines took place. Mrs Pauline Ridd officiated, assisted by Rev K Reeves, Rev Stephen English, and Pastor Isobel Walton. The organist was Mrs Cynthia Garvey. [SEE PAGE 9 FOR TRIBUTES]
Special Sunday evening service on 29 November which will be taken by David Akers and Mike Winstanley from Bristol. Please suppport them. DON DAVIDSON 47072

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IN AS MUCH AS.....
I was hungry, and you formed a committee to discuss my hunger,
I was thirsty, and you talked of the greenhouse effect on the earth,
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I was naked, and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance,
I was sick, and you thanked God for your health,
I was homeless, and you preached the spiritual shelter of God to me,
I was lonely, and you left me alone to pray for me,
You seem so holy - so close to God, But I am still hungry, lonely and cold,
When did I see you hungry? On the television, in Somalia, Ethiopia or Romania,
When did I see you thirsty? In the people of Africa where crops have failed because of drought,
When did I see you in prison? I live across the road and can't leave my home,
When did I see you naked? I stand outside the jumble sale because I have no money,
When did I see you sick? I have Aids,
When did I see you homeless? I live next door, I have lost my home because I lost my job,
When did I see you lonely? I am jobless, homeless, naked, sick, and now in prison,
Why? Because no one cares, LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME!

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NOVEMBER PREACHERS 8, 15 Pastor I Walton 22 Stephen English 29 Sid Wymark
DECEMBER PREACHERS 6, 13, 20 Pastor Isabel Walton 27 Gloria Gibbs
CAROL SERVICE 20 December, 10.30am. The Prayer Group meets every Monday at 12.30pm at Cromwell House. All are welcome. The Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. For venue please ring 38024 or 38447. PASTOR ISABEL WALTON 0926 640806

JAMES WILKINSON OF BILLERICAY, ESSEX, tells us that Fred Deely's reminiscences in September's *NEWS* stimulated his memory of a boyhood's duty when an aunt from Wescotte Barton paid a visit to his home in St Thomas Street, Deddington, travelling by the horse-drawn carriers cart en route for Banbury for Market Day. As the time for his aunt's departure drew near, he was stationed at the junction of St Thomas St and New St to await the first sign of the approaching carrier homeward-bound. Then he scampered to tell aunt who would take a leisurely farewell of mother and walk to the transport now awaiting her pleasure. Some sixty years on, the memory inspired the verses on page 13. [WE HOPE TO HEAR MORE FROM MR WILKINSON, WHO IS A MINISTER IN THE WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, AND WHOSE BROTHER FRED STILL LIVES IN THE FAMILY HOME IN ST THOMAS STREET - EDS]

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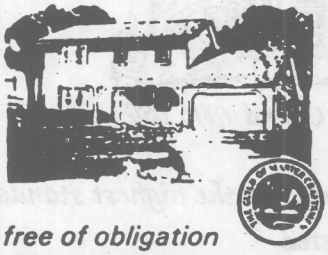

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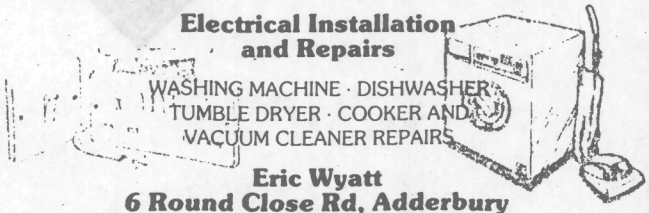

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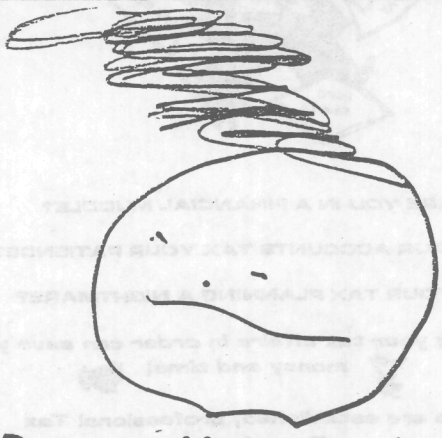

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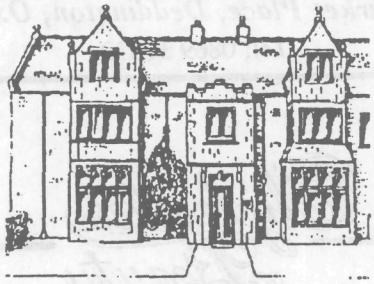

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EDDIE LINES 1908-1992

FROM MRS DOROTHY LINES, HOLLY TREE COTTAGES, DEDDINGTON
I and my family wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for their letters and cards which were very gratefully received.

FROM BILL HUNT, DEDDINGTON CHARITY ESTATES
I first met Eddie Lines when my wife and I were walking from Hempton to Deddington. Eddie and his wife stopped their car and asked if we would like a lift. Eddie made a big impression on me at this very first meeting and later I was to be closely associated with him through Deddington Charity Estates.
Nothing has occurred subsequently to cause my opinion of him to waver. You knew where you stood with Eddie and he was a man who would support you through thick and thin if he was satisfied that what you were doing was the right course of action. There have been no stauncher supporters of the Deddington Museum venture than Eddie and his wife and I was proud to be one of the triumvirate with Eddie and Bob Stevens when - thanks to Eddie's and Bob's knowledge and love of the area - BBC Radio Oxford gave excellent publicity to Deddington's past, present and future. The esteem in which he was held was evident by the way the Congregational Church was filled to overflowing for his funeral. Deddington Charity Estates is but one of the many organisations mourning the loss of a good and faithful servant.
If, in the place where Eddie has gone, awards are handed out for what one has done for one's fellows in this world, a grave miscarriage of justice would occur if Eddie does not receive the very top honour that place bestows.

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Eddie will be greatly missed, not only as an elder of our church, but as a friend to all, young and old. The ways in which he helped everyone are too numerous to mention, and he provided a wonderful example to us all. Our condolences are sent to Dorothy and all the family. Please remember them in your prayers. DON DAVIDSON

FROM THE HOLLY TREE CLUB MEMBERS
We are mourning the loss of our Chairman after many weeks of his illness, which he bore with all the courage and humour that was typical of him. For nearly twenty years Eddie Lines had been chairman of the club; during this time he truly earned his nickname of "Mr Holly Tree" for all the wonderful outings he organised, for his absolute devotion to the club and for his unending kindness to every single member. So many enjoyable coach trips to the coast, the Oxford Pantomime and all over the Cotswolds, all arranged by him, remain in our memories. When he and Dorothy moved into the Holly Tree Cottages they both became even more closely connected with the club. He asked me to help him with the driving when I was still "under age" and I shall miss his friendship enormously. He was quite unique, and we all share with Dorothy and his family their sadness at his passing. ANGELA WALLER

FROM HOLLY TREE CLUB TRUSTEES
Geoffrey Rowlands and Ken Reeves, trustees of the Holly Tree Club, salute Eddie and express their appreciation for all his work as a fellow trustee.

[A REMARKABLE MAN WAS EDDIE. WE SHALL NOT SEE HIS LIKE AGAIN - EDS]

DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
Just a last reminder of the Remembrance Day parade on Sunday 8 November.
Arrangements are as usual, with muster at 10.30am.
Bingo at the British Legion every Sunday starting 8pm. ALEC BLAKEMAN 37155

MISSION TO CALCUTTA The recent sale and coffee morning at Ivy House, Deddington, raised £270. Many thanks to all concerned. ELIZABETH WARE

MANY THANKS FOR DONATIONS TO THE NEWS TOTALLING £12.30 - EDS

DEDDINGTON MUSEUM - progress report by Bill Hunt

The Feasibility Study which has been undertaken by Norman Machin Associates has now been completed and was handed to Deddington Parish Council just before their meeting on 28 October. [Members will discuss it at PC meeting on 25 November - EDS] Two members of the Parish Council - Councillors Mace and Swash - have been involved in all the discussions with Norman Machin Associates which have resulted in the formulation of the document and it is hoped the proposals contained therein will receive the blessing of the full Council. In addition to providing the necessary facilities to enable a museum to operate in the Town Hall, there is also provision for a uni-sex toilet which will be available to the general public.
When agreement is finally reached, the plans will be made available for public inspection and it is hoped the venture will be as well as received as was the display which was mounted on the occasion of Deddington School Fete.
The most recent acquisition is an 1823 etching *RECTORIAL FARM HOUSE AND CHURCH OF DEDDINGTON* by J Skelton, which has been kindly presented by Norman Stone. We thank him most sincerely, and we cannot wait to put on display the mass of items which have already been donated.

PARISH TREE PLANTING

Readers, especially those who followed the efforts of earlier years, may like to know about the proposed sites for 1992. Looking back to 1980, we now have some fine young wild cherries in the Windmill area, as well as other trees, down the Milton Lane for instance. This autumn we hope to complete the planting on the old ash pit (half a mile out on the Banbury road, on the left). Down Radwell Hill, between Hempton and Duns Tew, there is room for a further 5 or 6 oaks to finish a line of planting begun last year. Also in the Hempton area, there is space for an oak or two at the top of Steepness. Nearer to Deddington, we could find room for, say, three wild cherries in Cosy Lane, now that it has been tidied. Some of these new plantings will be drawn from the seedling trees which I am so glad to receive from you across the year. This help, together with that offered by those who dig holes, clear grass and overhang, and look after the newly planted trees, is much appreciated. This is work for those who come after to enjoy, little though it may seem today. However I believe that quite soon for one reason and another we shall see oaks, beeches, and other hardwoods being planted in our hedgerows and indeed in our cornfields; they will supply our timber for furnishing and construction, as the tropical supplies will shortly be closed to us. These lines from a poem by Fred Kaan were read to me the other day.

JOHN SCOTT 38216

WERE THE WORLD TO END TOMORROW / WE WOULD PLANT A TREE TODAY,...
PRAY THAT AT THE END OF LIVING / OF PHILOSOPHIES AND CREEDS / GOD WILL FIND HIS PEOPLE BUSY/
PLANTING TREES AND SOWING SEEDS.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS This month's calls have been - 2 chimney fires, 1 small fire at Bloxham School, 1 fire at Baron Motorist Centre, Banbury, 2 car fires, 1 rubbish bin fire, 1 call to 2 people stuck in a lift, 1 kitchen fire, 1 road traffic accident, 3 false alarms with good intent, 3 false alarms on automatic systems, 1 malicious false alarm and 2 calls to stand by at other stations: total 201 so far this year.
ARMISTICE DAY IN YPRES Richard Powell and Cliff Harper are going with the Oxfordshire fire service contingent to Ypres. It is a 3-day trip during which they will visit museums and cemeteries of the First World War and on 11 November they will take part in the parade and service at the Menin Gate, which is a very moving occasion. I am sure they will both enjoy the trip as I did two years ago.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 38943

CAN YOU SOLVE THE GREAT BOWLER HAT MYSTERY?

We have often heard it said that a certain Mr Bowler used to make hats in Deddington, but we have never seen any proof. Do our readers know an authoritative reference - say in a Kelly's Directory, in a Parish Magazine of the time, in a newspaper or advertisement - anything that is more than hearsay? Please help us solve the Great Bowler Hat Mystery - EDS

THE WAY WE WERE

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the month of November 1842:
5TH NOVEMBER - A monthly meeting of the Justices took place at the Kings Arms, the new Constables were appointed under the recent Act of Parliament and Friday next was fixed as the day for swearing them in at the Kings Arms at 12 o'clock.
8TH NOVEMBER - I drove to Banbury to attend a most interesting meeting in the National School room there preparatory to organising an auxiliary Society for the north of Oxfordshire for promoting Christianity among the Jews. A Revd Mr Joseph, a converted Jew, made a most powerful and interesting appeal to the meeting on the behalf of his nation, and related the circumstances of his own conversion. A Mr Reynolds, an agent of the Parent Society in London, also was present and addressed the meeting - as did several Clergy of the neighbourhood. I consented to be on the Committee and to become a subscriber, for Susan also - may God crown our feeble efforts with success! Ultimately.
12TH NOVEMBER - The bell tolled for the oldest inhabitant in the Parish, poor Thomas Whetton, who was in his 94th year.
20TH NOVEMBER - Received a letter asking for the character of our late footman - replied that he was steady, honest, sober and obliging, but did not suit us - that when we had a dinner party we always had an experienced waiter to assist him. Was obliged to grant two search warrants this morning in consequence of two cases of sheep stealing and rabbit stealing - against Deddington persons I am sorry to say.
21ST NOVEMBER - Granted a summons in a case from Swerford against a Deddington girl for non-fulfilment of her contract as a hired servant. I called at Butcher Dean's and French's to order some meat to be sent to certain poor people.
22ND NOVEMBER - Our annual fair took place.
23RD NOVEMBER - I ordered the bells to be rung to celebrate the great and good news of peace with China - announced in our paper of today, the St James Chronicle.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD IN BOWLS by Fred Deely

In 1951 The National Bowls Championships were held at Paddington Green. Maurice French and myself reached the Final of the County Pairs. Though we lost to P Harvey and Ron Clarke of South Oxford by two shots we were entitled to enter the National Championships, so we went to London and booked in at the Paddington Hotel. We paid £2.50 for bed and breakfast (a lot of money then). Next morning we went to the Green, started at 9.30am and had a very easy victory over the Lancashire champions. In the afternoon we beat the Sussex champions and Maurice said we had better go and book in so we went to sign the Register. There was an attractive lady at the desk and she said "I know Deddington, I spend my holidays at Mrs Knott's Flight Hill Farm at Nether Worton, and we come to Deddington to Holiday's Garage and Tuckers Stores." That was our first surprise.
Next morning we went to Paddington Green and an old Gentleman on the seat next to us said "You have got an Oxfordshire accent, do you know Deddington? I am an outfitter for a firm in Knightsbridge and I very often take a lot of goods to Harry Wells in the Market Place". That was our second surprise.
When we played the Yorkshire champions on No 1 rink a couple came to the end of the green and started to wave. The lady was Maurice French's schoolmate, now married and living in London. Her father was the solicitor Thomas Bennett. She had lived at Weston House near the almshouses before moving to the Bullring to the house until very recently occupied by Mr Allan.
Now we had a real tussle with the Yorkshire champions on the 20th end. Level on 17 shots, when the Skip went to bowl, we were one shot on and possibly two. Maurice said the opponent would probably 'fire' so he blocked him out. The opponent kept putting up short woods and blocking his own woods until with the last wood he had to bowl when he 'fired' and then turned his back on it, but it hit one short wood and 'glinted' off another and 'glanced' the jack on to two of his woods, A PROPER FLUKE! That was the end of the London trip.
Three days later I was in Wantage Market Place going by King Alfred's monument when a voice boomed across the square. "Old drunken Deddington". I expect he had seen the name Deddington on my lorry. He said his father used to stop at the Unicorn Hotel in the Market Place to have a meal. It's a small world!

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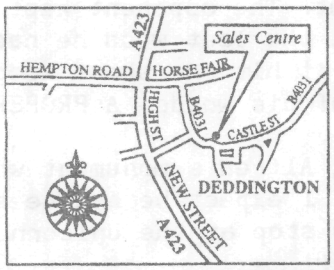

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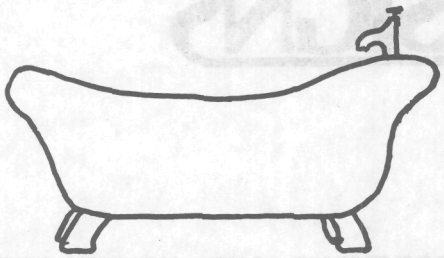

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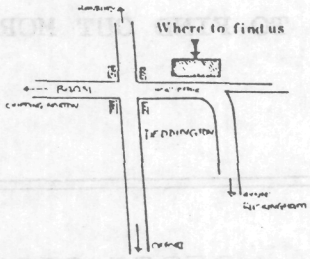

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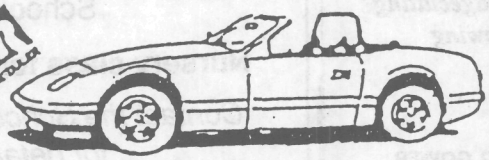

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DEDDINGTON ARTS

We are holding an exhibition of work by local artists and craftspeople at Tucker's Country Store from Sat 21 November to Fri 27. As well as paintings (many unframed for easy postage) there will be patchwork, embroidery, pottery and sculpture. Do come, you may just find that elusive Christmas present. ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

DEDDINGTON SCOUT TROOP

Although little has been written about the troop of late, there has been plenty going on. Last term we tried to build rafts, or were they submarines? We had mixed success and even bridge building across the stream didn't stop us getting wet. A number of scouts went lightweight camping and canoeing. They found that cooking on small stoves was a bit of an art, but Sam Burden and Tom Chatterton didn't want to use the new stove because of the cleaning up afterwards. They still got wet.
One evening was spent learning about radios and emergency procedures. The following week the troop took part in a short exercise around the village which they all enjoyed. Some of them talked so much they flattened the batteries. The District Scout Troop undertake the radio communications at numerous events in the Banbury area and we hope that some of our "Radio Freaks" will go on to help them.
One evening was spent menu planning and learning about safety before embarking on an enjoyable cookout. Some interesting meals were prepared and I understand they were eatable (just!). In the following weeks we plan to go 10 pin bowling and, with Guides and other Scouts, to the Dri-Ski Slope at Brize Norton. The sight of that evening is enough to turn any one's hair grey. One thing's for sure, I shall be standing at the bottom with the camera, out of harm's way.
At Christmas time the troop will be helping with the "Scout Post", linking up with Adderbury and King's Sutton. This will greatly help the village and group funds.
ALAN RAMPLEY, SCOUT LEADER 0295 810069

WHEN I WAS YOUNG by James Wilkinson

When winter's dirge the chimney filled
And I made toast,
The oven baking fruit-filled cake
my mother's Host;
I knew why ancients worshipped fire
with harp and lyre.

In summer fields of living green
wove patterns gay,
And rippling streams and osier beds
fringed fields of hay,
Or kingcups bold and iris yellow
splashed the meadow.

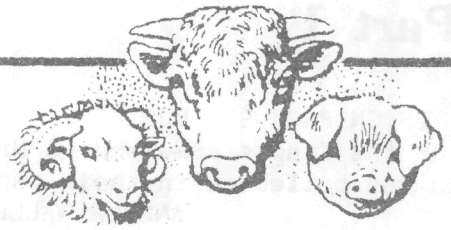
Weekly the horse-drawn carrier's cart
trundled to town,
Knee to knee the rustics yarned
parcels put down;
Beguiling time with rural wit
and choice tit-bit.

At Church they taught the golden rule -
a new dimension;
We honoured it on field of play
or got detention;
We aped the man at home, at school -
We played the fool.

Our world was small, land sea and sky
teased our cloisters,
Beyond, above the stars would peep
at we oysters;
Only in books we travelled far
to glimpse our star.

Too soon the swiftly mounting years
tight-laced the child,
Boldly the youth in the green tree
chained passions wild,
Till he attained maturity -
a pot-pourri.

Now, cows are milked in roundabouts,
Men leap the moon,
Nations contend by satellites -
by drunken rune;
The rustics in the carrier's cart
sat heart to heart.



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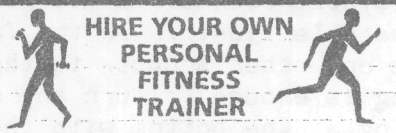

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DEDDINGTON CRAFT GROUP

The Craft group progresses well. We met at each other's houses for a few weeks while the school room was being rebuilt, but we are now back in our usual location. We meet on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30 during term time. At present we are still working on the Nursery Quilt which is destined for Katharine House, but we shall get down to some Christmas decorations and cards later this term, and look forward to learning about Quilling. If you are interested in Craft matters and would like to join us, please contact Stella Marmion on 38834. MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

With the Parish council we are organising a competition for the best front garden in Deddington, Hempton or Clifton. This is open to ALL, not just members of Deddington Gardeners, and will take place in the summer of 1993. The entry fee will be 50p; gardens will be judged by the Royal Horticultural Society judges, and, yes, there will be a prize! Entry forms will be available in January. More details in February's Deddington News. MEMBERS: Please remember that we need to get our bulk order in early for the best prices. Information will be available shortly from Betty Hill, Joan Robins (38210) or me. ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

DEDDINGTON WI

We had a good meeting on 13 Oct with a lot of visitors. A member of the Health Service gave a talk about facilities available to patients and their rights. There were all sorts of questions and great interest was shown. Our bi-annual Group Meeting took place in the same week, in Deddington this time. We hired the school hall, since the Holly Tree Club does not accommodate the 80 or so members who attended. Mr Higgs gave an informative and amusing talk on Antiques, which took the place of an Antiques Road Show when members bring items for valuation and general comment. This entertainment was much enjoyed as were the splendid refreshments and the raffle. Our thanks to members of the committee who gave time and energy to make this a super evening and especially to Mrs Ivings who chaired this meeting so efficiently. NEXT MEETING 10 November - Recycling waste material. If you would like to join or want more information, please ring me. MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Our membership is growing and it is nice to see how quickly new folk feel at home enjoying a cup of tea and an informal chat after the speakers have finished. Our talk by Sarah Hall on Village Appraisal and involvement was enjoyed by everyone. It surprised us how village groups can be instrumental in obtaining better public transport facilities and are sometimes able to influence planning. On 11 November Joyce Lake will talk to us about Guide Dogs for the Blind and on 25 November we shall hear about the experiences of a forensic scientist, Miss E Blacklock. She will also judge a competition and present a small prize to the winner - so bring a pencil. Our Christmas Dinner will be on 16 December, and Pam needs to know by 11 November how many of you will attend. If you want to come and can't be at that meeting, ring her on 0295 721218. JOAN WALKER 0295 253437

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

Sat 12 December is a very important date: it marks the beginning of the village Christmas celebrations. At 7.15pm the children of the primary school will present their Nativity play, in Church, followed by a Christmas concert by the Shenlow Singers. Seasonal refreshments will be served for a social hour, so note the date. We were able to cast the Pantomime and work is now under way. Rehearsals begin on 8 November in the Wesleyan Hall. Anyone still interested in helping behind the scenes should look in on a Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon rehearsal.
We have exciting news for all the children in the parish between the ages of 6 and 11. In connection with the Pantomime, Mr Hobbin, The Toymaker, is coming to Deddington to run a workshop constructing toy theatres on Saturday 16 January at the Windmill Centre. The session will run from 11am to 3.30pm and by the end of it you should have your own toy theatre completed to take home. The maximum number who can be enrolled for the workshop is 25, so call 38153 to register good and early. The only charge will be for the materials used for the theatres. JEAN FLUX 38153

CALLING ALL CLUBS - - - Part 3

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS: FIRST TEAM

Charlbury (h)	Oxon J.Shield	Lost 0-4
Ruscote (h)	Ban Charity Cup	Lost 0-8
Wardington (a)	Benevolent Cup	Lost 1-3 (M Doggett)

RESERVES

Cropredy Res (a)	Lost 0-4
Middleton Cheney "A" (h)	Won 1-0 (D Cowley)
Bloxham A (a)	Lost 0-7
Broughton/N N Reserves (h)	Lost 0-1

Of the 3 cup games which the 1st Team played last month, 2 were against sides from a higher division and it was no surprise that they ended in defeats. Mark Doggett scored v Wardington. The Reserves beat Middleton Cheney, David Cowley scoring.

RESULTS: SUNDAY TEAM:

Headington CC (h)	Sam Waters Cup	Lost 0-1
Cock Horse Res (h)		Won 8-1 (C Mitchell 3, C Hill 2, D Churchill 2, G Pinfold)
Rylands (h)		Won 5-2 (C Hill 2, G Pinfold, J Coleman, M Springall)

The Sunday Team continue to conquer all before them. The record now reads 6 wins out of 6 and they are top of the League, with 49 goals. Chris Hill leads the scoring chart with 17, followed by Calvin Mitchell with 8. In third place with 4 each are Andy Shepherd, Gary Pinfold, Matthew Springall and Darren Churchill.

STEVE PLUMBE 38512

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

So far this term we've had a lot of activity in patrols, including quizzes, making biscuits, keep-fit sessions, drawing competitions etc. We were very disappointed when the Banbury Youth Road Safety Quiz was cancelled - we were all set to enter no fewer than three teams! However, we held our own quiz and discovered we all knew a lot more about road safety than we thought. Hopefully it will make us more aware and cautious when we are out and about. One evening we made pineapple-upside-down puddings on tin-can stoves - very tasty. Other activities have included badge work and planning for an incident hike at half term. Wound simulation was popular although it had rather a knock-out effect on one guide!!

We hope our colour party and marching practice will stand us in good stead on Remembrance Day and we look forward to seeing you all at our Jumble Sale on Saturday 14 November, 2pm at the Windmill Centre. The older guides will have been to the Dri-Ski slope the night before with the Scouts, but we hope everybody will be able-bodied enough to help with the sale. MAGGIE RAMPLEY, GUIDER 0295 810069

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

The Monsoons came early this year, effectively ending the season early in August. We had been very active up to then. The formation of the Under 13s squad is particularly pleasing as this should ensure the future of the Club. Our Saturday side came 5th in the Banbury League and next season join the Oxfordshire League, a big step up in quality of teams and venues. Fortunately the Sunday Team has no such big ideas and will continue to play for pints rather than points. The main problem is that they are overloaded with all-rounders - in shape, and who can neither bat nor bowl !

On Saturday 17 October we enjoyed our social highlight, the Cricket Club Dinner, back at our favourite venue, the Holcombe Hotel. A sell-out of 56 cricketers, wives and girlfriends together with Vice Presidents sat down to a superb meal by Chedley and his staff - we all send our thanks to them. The speeches were as varied and compulsive as ever, with Bill Drake starting the proceedings, singing a ditty about the players and VPs, in his own inimitable way. Our guest speaker, Ron Elder, then entertained and amused before Captain John Stiff made the year's presentations. Clubman of the year was Derek Cheeseman for all his work with the Under 13s. Young Player of the Year was Andrew Stiff who has kept wicket and batted so well. A special award went to Rosemary White for organising the teas.

Thanks to the generosity of Nigel and Sue Oddy who gave us a 4.5 litre bottle of Whisky, and Chedley, who donated a bottle of Pink Champagne, we made £126 from a raffle. Peter Blackburn to boos and cries of "fix" won the Whisky, and guest Sue Elder was cheered when she won the Champagne. Chedley also donated a further £25 to the Club. A grand evening. All that is left now is the AGM when Cricketers will fill the King's Arms, all vying for the much sought-after places on our Committee. After that we look forward to May 1993 and the start of a new season. If you wish to join or become a Vice President, please phone me. TERRY CLINCH, SECRETARY 38711

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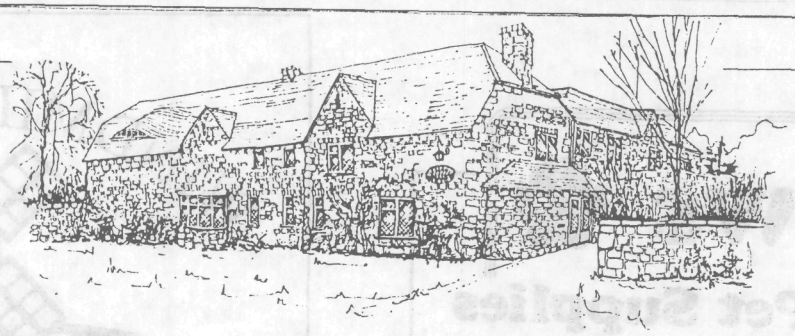

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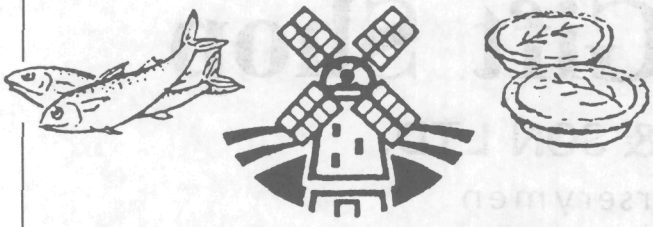

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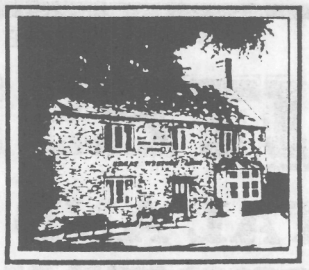

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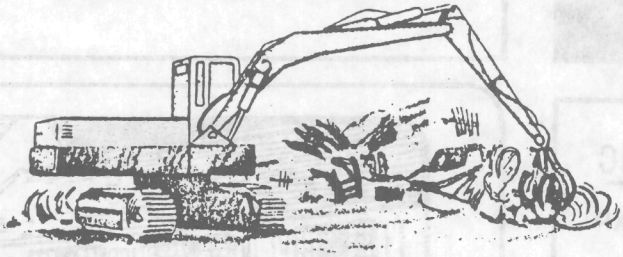

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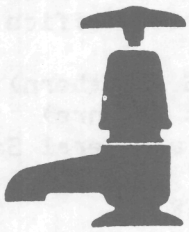

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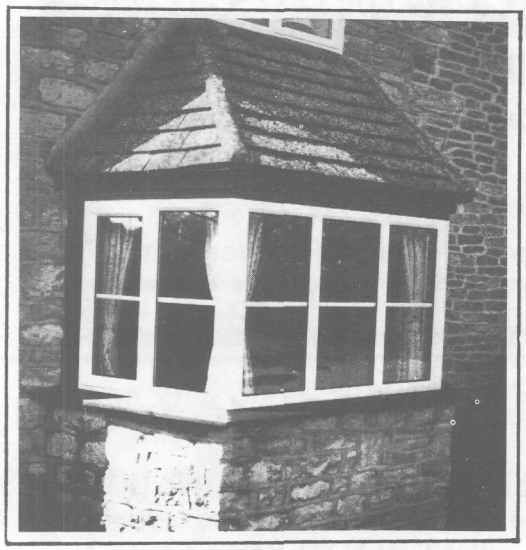

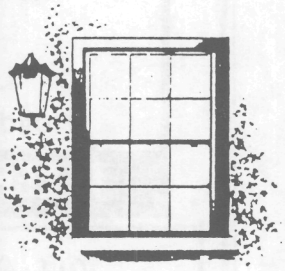

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